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MEMORANDUM FOR: Ambassador Lewis Hoffacker

SUBJECT : Behavioral Science Resource Group

REFERENCE : Memorandum from [redacted] Role of the Behavioral Scientist in Task Force Operations

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1. We concur in the usefulness of establishing an interagency Behavioral Science Resource Group to examine behavioral aspects of U.S. Government response to international terrorist incidents, and we are prepared to provide Agency representation to such a group. There is an Agency standing group of behavioral scientists in being, comprised of a psychiatrist, a psychologist and an analyst, with other cleared consultants in support.

2. With reference to paragraph two of [redacted] paper, we question the propriety of a specialized resource group such as this developing a checklist of "sources of raw intelligence for use in task force operations." They could, of course, suggest the importance and desirability of tapping certain categories of sources for the kind of information that would enhance their deliberations.

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3. We must also point out that Agency participation in such a group would have to be confined to matters of international terrorism. We could not participate in cases involving purely domestic incidents.

4. We would appreciate being kept informed of the status of the Resource Group, and will be glad to name our representative once the Group is formalized.

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